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TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1895.

Town Clerk and Treasurer:

JOHN A. HOLWAY.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor:

JOHN F. CARLETON, HIRAM H. HEALD,
EDWARD B. HOWLAND.

School Committee:

Term ending in 1898, { ROBERT ARMSTRONG,
ELIZABETH CLARK,
JAMES L. LAWRENCE.

Term ending in 1897, { CHARLES DILLINGHAM,
ROBERT H. FAUNCE, *Chairman*,
FRANK A. FISHER.

Term ending in 1896, { HENRY W. GOODSPEED,
FRANCIS R. HOLWAY,
HARRIET A. MORSE.

Superintendent of Schools:

E. J. EDMANDS.

Superintendent of Streets:

STEPHEN S. CHIPMAN.

Board of Health:

WILLARD E. BOYDEN, DR. R. H. FAUNCE,
DR. GEORGE E. WHITE.

Auditors:

FLETCHER CLARK. GEORGE L. HAINES.

Collector of Taxes:

PELEG T. BROWN. Commission 1 1-2 per cent.

Sealer of Weights and Measures:

SETH O. ELLIS.

Constables:

ROBERT ARMSTRONG, PELEG T. BROWN,
EUGENE W. HAINES, THOMAS F. KELLEHER,
CHARLES QUINN.

Field Drivers:

SANFORD I. MORSE, LABAN P. CROCKER,
ROBERT ARMSTRONG.

Fence Viewers:

GUSTAVUS HOWLAND, CHARLES E. POPE,
ZENAS W. WRIGHT, GEORGE T. McLAUGHLIN.

Surveyors of Wood and Lumber:

GUSTAVUS HOWLAND, CHARLES E. POPE,
SAMUEL H. NYE, JOHN PERCIVAL.

Registrars of Voters:

ISAAC K. CHIPMAN, WILLIAM L. NYE,
JOHN McCANN, JOHN A. HOLWAY, (*ex-officio.*)

Inspector of Animals:

SAMUEL H. NYE.

Fire Wards:

EUGENE W. HAINES, SANFORD I. MORSE,
PELEG T. BROWN, JOHN H. SULLIVAN.

Forest Fire Wards:

DAVID A. HOXIE, SAMUEL H. NYE,
NELSON HOWLAND, JOHN PERCIVAL,
ROBERT ARMSTRONG, RUSSELL E. TUPPER.

Trustees of the Public Library:

Term ending in 1898, { ALICE R. COOKE,
WILLIAM H. WOODWELL,
JOHN F. CARLETON.

Term ending in 1897, { BENJAMIN G. BARTLEY,
CHARLES DILLINGHAM,
CHARLES L. NORTON.

Term ending in 1896, { SARAH T. McLAUGHLIN.
ALICE C. LEONARD,
SAMUEL B. FLAGG.

Miss McLaughlin was elected in place of the Rev. Thomas
F. Clinton, deceased.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

We present herewith our annual report of the receipts and expenditures in the several departments for the year ending Dec. 31, 1895. Also the financial standing of the town at the close of the year. The total number of orders that have been drawn on the several accounts is 644, for which vouchers on file may be seen at this office.

JOHN F. CARLETON,	} Selectmen.
HIRAM H. HEALD,	
EDWARD B. HOWLAND,	

OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN,	}
SANDWICH, JAN. 1, 1896.	

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

JOHN A. HOLWAY, *Treasurer.*

1895

Jan.	1.	To balance,	\$44.07
	7.	Cash, town of Middleboro, for paupers,	111.00
	12.	County Treasurer, dog fund,	201.52
	12.	City of Cambridge, for paupers,	8.70
	17.	J. A. Holway, Treasurer, error, order drawn twice.	10.00
	19.	Trustees of Sandwich Academy,	17.47
	19.	Town of Bourne, for paupers,	149.88
	25.	State Treasurer, Massachusetts school fund,	345.08
Feb.	9.	Town of Attleboro, for paupers,	78.00
	12.	C. J. Peters, for support of children,	9.60
	19.	Town of Holbrook, for paupers,	33.99
Mar.	4.	S. N. Burbank, for board,	8.00
	9.	S. N. Burbank, for board,	7.00
	11.	Town of Bourne,	30.45
	15.	C. J. Peters, for support of children,	21.38
	16.	State Treasurer, balance of Corporation tax,	234.72
	16.	State Treasurer, for paupers,	14.00
Apr.	5.	First District Court, for fines,	310.00
	6.	S. N. Burbank, for board,	8.00
	13.	Charles B. Hall estate, loan,	1,300.00
	23.	C. J. Peters, for support of children,	10.48
	25.	Town of Bourne, for paupers,	150.03
	30.	Martin Carroll,	6.30
May	2.	R. L. Day & Co., loan,	1,000.00
	6.	S. N. Burbank, for board,	8.00

May	18.	John Callahan,	2.50
	18.	C. J. Peters, for support of children,	20.00
	18.	Fletcher Clark, Admr., loan,	1,000.00
	20.	F. N. Holway, for hay,	10.00
	20.	W. R. Procter, for license,	1.00
June	8.	S. N. Burbank, for board,	8.00
	10.	Fletcher Clark, Admr., loan,	1,000.00
	22.	C. J. Peters, for support of children,	11.21
July	2.	First District Court, for fines,	81.00
	8.	S. N. Burbank, for board,	10.00
	9.	Calf sold,	5.60
	24.	C. J. Peters, for support of children,	18.22
Aug.	1.	Town of Bourne, for herring fisheries,	221.22
	7.	F. P. Burgess, for board,	13.00
	10.	S. N. Burbank, for board,	10.00
	14.	State Treasurer, School Superintendent fund,	562.50
	16.	State Treasurer, for paupers,	67.22
	30.	C. J. Peters, for support of children,	22.44
	3.	H. H. Heald, gravel,	4.00
	31.	S. N. Burbank, for board,	8.00
	31.	Andrew Harlow, for license,	1.00
Sept.	28.	Mrs. Nellie Buckley,	18.00
Oct.	2.	First District Court, for fines,	75.00
	9.	S. N. Burbank, for board,	9.00
	19.	Benjamin Dillingham,	4.25
	19.	Town of Bourne, for paupers,	136.50
	31.	C. J. Peters, for support of children,	19.77
Nov.	8.	S. N. Burbank, for board,	9.00
	9.	John Kelleher,	2.00
	14.	T. L. Mayo & Co., for license,	15.00
	30.	C. J. Peters, for support of children,	14.00
Dec.	7.	S. N. Burbank, for board,	9.00
	7.	Mrs. E. F. Chipman, for curbing in front of house,	8.50
	11.	State Treasurer, corporation tax,	704.23
		National bank tax,	423.54
		State aid,	458.00
	17.	Town of Mashpee, tuition of scholars,	90.00
Dec.	21.	Beatrice Atkins, tuition,	20.00
	30.	Calf sold,	7.20

Dec. 31.	Thomas H. Tobey, for wood,	8.75
	Dog licenses,	234.00
	Car fares,	28.77
	Rent of hall,	34.00
	P. T. Brown, tax of 1891,	439.23
	P. T. Brown, tax of 1892,	281.44
	P. T. Brown, tax of 1893,	1,359.22
	P. T. Brown, tax of 1894,	4,676.59
	P. T. Brown, tax of 1895,	8,454.16
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		\$24,733.73

Cr.

By contingent orders paid,	\$10,269.56	
School " "	6,206.14	
Pauper " "	4,738.90	
Road " "	2,729.49	
Cash on hand,	789.64	
	<hr/>	\$24,733.73

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We the undersigned, Auditors of the town of Sandwich, have examined the accounts of the Treasurer, John A. Holway, from Jan. 1, 1895, to Jan. 1, 1896, and find them correct and properly vouched for.

FLETCHER CLARK, }
 GEORGE L. HAINES, } *Auditors.*

Dr.

To cash on hand Jan. 1, 1895,	\$44.07	
Received from Jan. 1, 1895,		
to Jan. 1, 1896,	24,689.66	
	<hr/>	\$24,733.73

Cr.

By cash paid on contingent account,	\$10,269.56	
School “	6,206.14	
Pauper “	4,738.90	
Road “	2,729.49	
By cash on hand,	789.64	
	<hr/>	\$24,733.73

SANDWICH, Jan. 15, 1896.

COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT.

PELEG T. BROWN. *Collector.*

Tax of 1891.

Balance uncollected Jan. 1, 1895,	\$439.23
Amount collected during the year,	439.23

Tax of 1892.

Balance uncollected Jan. 1, 1895,	\$853.91
Amount collected during the year,	281.44

\$572.47

Tax of 1893.

Balance uncollected Jan. 1, 1895,	\$1,734.61
Amount collected during the year,	1,359.22

\$375.39

Tax of 1894.

Balance uncollected Jan. 1, 1895,	\$7,081.35
Amount collected during the year,	4,676.59

\$2,404.76

Tax of 1895.

Amount committed,	\$14,677.00
Amount collected, Jan. 1, 1896.	8,454.16

\$6,222.84

Total uncollected Jan. 1, 1896, less
commission on taxes of '92, '93.
'94 and '95,

851.34

Amount due the town Jan. 1, 1896,

\$8,724.12

CONTINGENT ACCOUNT.

Ansel Tobey, 1-2 cord of wood,		\$2.00
Joseph B. Hall, labor,		5.50
S. O. & C. H. B. Ellis, police and return of deaths,	\$7.50	
S. O. & C. H. B. Ellis, labor on pump and engine,	36.50	
	—	44.00
Charles G. Ellis, repairs on Sandwich Academy,	33.67	
Charles G. Ellis, labor and stock for Town Hall,	48.60	
	—	82.27
George L. Haines, Auditor's services,		7.00
Fletcher Clark, " "		7.00
Note and interest,	\$1,017.64	
Sundry supplies,	12.57	
	—	1,030.21
Members of Fire Department, abatement of taxes for two years,		50.00
Horace Lovell, abatement of taxes for '91, '92, '93 and '94; poor,		19.94
John A. Holway, Treasurer, mileage tickets,	\$80.00	
John A. Holway, Treasurer, notes paid,	3,000.00	
John A. Holway, Treasurer, interest on notes,	462.31	
John A. Holway, Treasurer, county tax,	982.16	
State tax,	585.00	
John A. Holway, Treasurer, state and soldiers' aid,	668.00	
John A. Holway, Treasurer, snow bills paid,	172.72	

John A. Holway, Treasurer, dog licenses paid to county,	237.00	
John A. Holway, Treasurer, stamps and sundry bills,	14.20	
	<hr/>	6.201.39
John A. Holway, services as Town Clerk and Treasurer, and Registrar of Voters, recording births, marriages and deaths, paying State Aid, and making duplicate of valuation list,		184.80
John McCann, services as registrar,	21.00	
Team for registrars,	3.00	
	<hr/>	24.00
Angeline B. Gibbs, return of births,		1.75
F. B. & F. P. Goss, printing town reports,	74.00	
F. B. & F. P. Goss, printing and advertising,	50.43	
	<hr/>	124.43
John F. Carleton, services as Selectman and Assessor,	175.00	
John F. Carleton, expenses to Boston and Barnstable and perambulating Falmouth and Barnstable lines,	11.00	
John F. Carleton, work on town reports,	10.00	
	<hr/>	196.00
Henry P. Hoxie, sawing wood,	1.00	
Labor on Town Hall.	6.95	
	<hr/>	7.95
E. B. Howland, services as Selectman and Assessor,	175.01	
E. B. Howland, work on town report and expenses at Barnstable,	12.00	
E. B. Howland, expenses at Boston, six days,	17.70	
E. B. Howland, expenses to So. Sand- wich, with horse,	2.00	
E. B. Howland, expenses to Buzzard's Bay,	2.50	
E. B. Howland, perambulating Fal- mouth line, with horse,	5.00	

E. B. Howland, perambulating Barnstable line, with horse,	5.00	
	—	219.21
Board of Health, services,		30.00
Eugene W. Haines, services as constable,	5.00	
Eugene W. Haines, care of engine, and kerosene oil,	5.00	
	—	10.00
Dennis Donovan, care of Library, lamp and oil,		12.75
Perez Eldridge, sawing wood,		1.00
John E. Pratt, return of deaths,		2.00
George W. Rogers, services as ballot clerk,		6.00
Charles Dillingham, services as moderator,		10.00
Frederick C. Swift, expenses of First District Court,		161.83
Robert Armstrong, services as forest fire ward and fire bills paid,		15.50
D. L. Armstrong, labor at fire,		1.50
Middleboro Savings Bank, balance of note and interest,		300.60
C. F. Swift & Son, printing,		3.75
J. W. Potter, police duty,		9.00
Benjamin W. Lovell, abatement of taxes for '93 and '94, property not owned,		20.30
Patrick Donovan, abatement of taxes,		2.80
Mary T. Leonard, abatement of taxes for '94, property not owned,		14.00
P. B. Murphy, dog blanks,		2.50
D. A. Hoxie, paid on fire bill,		15.25
J. R. Holway, 1-2 cord of wood,		2.50
John Percival, paid on fire bill,		1.60
S. I. Morse, sundry supplies,		1.00
James L. Lawrence, services at fire,		3.40
J. H. Crocker, 1-2 cord of wood,		2.50
A. F. Sherman, abstract of deeds,		10.00
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., freight,		16.41

B. F. Denison, labor on trees,	23.25	
B. F. Denison, labor at cemetery and police duty,	10.10	
	— —	33.35
W. E. Boyden, express charges,		5.15
Mary Gregory, abatement of tax,		2.80
Stephen N. Jones, labor at fire,		1.40
Ernest L. Jones, " " "		1.20
John Callahan, " " "		.80
Henry H. Gray, " " "		1.20
Waldo Bros., stone for pump,		20.00
George L. Haines, Q. M., Memorial Day celebration,		58.00
H. H. Heald, services as Selectman and Assessor,		74.17
S. R. Bourne, stock and painting on Town Hall,		27.32
S. H. Nye, paid on fire bills,	7.00	
S. H. Nye, services as inspector of animals,	72.75	
	— — —	79.75
Sandwich Co-op. Glass Co., abatement of taxes,		83.88
Charles Quinn, serving dog warrant,	10.00	
Services as constable,	39.18	
	— — —	49.18
J. L. Fairbanks, account books,		3.43
Charles Richardson, lead and oil for Town Hall,		99.75
Oscar Howland, stock and painting Town Hall,		142.54
William L. Nye, services as registrar,		21.00
Chipman Fish estate, abatement of tax,		6.46
Timothy Buckley estate, " "		5.50
Frederic S. Pope, services as janitor and other services and supplies,		42.78
O. H. Howland, two stoves, pipes, etc.,		25.07
S. F. Letteney, expenses of liquor prose- cutions,		40.00
Gustavus Howland, lumber for Town Hall,		17.32

Joseph Whitcomb, expenses of liquor prosecutions,		20.60
Charles T. Pope, sawing wood,		.45
P. T. Brown, cleaning flue,	1.25	
P. T. Brown, collector's fees on tax of 1894,	213.43	
	<hr/>	214.68
P. T. Brown, Collector, stationery,	22.76	
P. T. Brown, Collector, abatements of uncollectable taxes, 1891,	145.18	
	<hr/>	167.94
Mrs. John Dow, abatement of tax,		7.60
I. K. Chipman, services as registrar,		21.00
Sandwich Card & Tag Co., printing,		10.00
B. G. Bartley, Treas., Public Library Appropriation		100.00
Joseph Harrison, abatement of tax,		4.00
Chas. H. Chapouil, " "		2.00
Mrs. Ellis Perry, " "		8.00
Est. of Joseph Nye, " "		7.60
Peter McConville, " "		2.00
H. L. Chipman, printing,		1.50
George N. Chipman, Justice fees,		6.50
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		\$10,269.56

Cr.

By town appropriation,	1,000.00
" " for digging snow,	125.00
" " Public Library,	125.00
" " Memorial Day,	100.00
" " repairs on Town Hall,	300.00
By town appropriation, care of town clock,	50.00
Overlayings,	293.08
Rent of Town Hall,	34.00
Balance of corporation tax,	234.72
Loans from Fletcher Clark, Admr.,	2,000.00
" R. L. Day & Co.,	1,000.00
Court fines,	466.00
Fish weir license,	15.00

Slaughter house license.	1.00	
Dog licenses,	234.00	
Car fares,	28.77	
Corporation tax.	704.23	
National Bank tax.	423.54	
State aid,	458.00	
Liquor license,	1.00	
Herring fishery,	221.22	
Amount assessed for state tax,	585.00	
“ “ “ county tax,	912.16	
	<hr/>	\$9,311.72
Deficiency,		<hr/> \$957.84

ROAD ACCOUNT.

John Q. Miller, labor with team,		\$131.40
John McArdle, labor,		164.90
S. S. Chipman, care of highways.	\$240.75	
" " gravel,	28.62	
	<hr/>	269.37
John Chipman, labor,		1.20
B. B. Briggs, painting sign boards,		9.09
J. H. Crocker, labor with team,		48.00
Joseph B. McArdle, labor,		124.74
Martin Carroll, labor,	85.58	
" " " with horse,	32.80	
	<hr/>	118.38
E. O. Fish, labor,		22.95
Ephraim W. Fish, labor,	26.55	
" " wood and land,	5.00	
	<hr/>	31.55
James Maley, labor,		65.00
John Horan, " "		35.58
Thomas Craven, labor,		14.25
John A. Carlson, " "	34.70	
" " " with team.	24.00	
	<hr/>	58.70
John R. Carlson, labor,		29.25
Daniel F. Hilliard, " with team,		233.90
Axel Magnusson, " "		28.50
Wm. Anderson, " "	20.50	
" " " with horse,	18.00	
	<hr/>	38.50
John M. Perry, " with team,		62.00
George Shuster, " "		2.00
Eugene Allen, " "		12.00
Wm. Shuster, " "		4.59

Cornelius Donovan, labor,		10.09
Barnabas Holway, cedar posts and rails,		8.16
Edgar W. Perry, gravel,	9.00	
“ “ labor,	19.83	
	<hr/>	28.83
Frank L. Howland, labor with team,		18.80
Roland J. Fish, “ with horse,	24.80	
“ “ “	41.50	
	<hr/>	66.30
S. I. Morse, labor with team,	149.40	
“ “ supplies,	27.38	
	<hr/>	176.78
John Kelleher, labor,		11.25
Alfred Cheval, “		6.00
Patrick Swansey, “		23.25
Patrick McElroy, “		31.25
James L. Lawrence, “		30.75
Frank A. Fisher, “		4.67
William Dalton, “		7.50
James Keenan Est. “ with team,		127.00
William Gibbs, “		9.00
William Lapham, “		18.00
Ernest L. Jones, “		19.50
Stephen M. Jones, “		22.50
Robert R. Fuller, “		6.83
James W. Dennison, “		10.50
Benjamin W. Lovell, “		6.75
Winfred B. Lovell, “		6.75
Jerome R. Holway, “ with team,		88.00
Augustus R. Pope, “ “		34.00
W. H. Faunce, painting guide boards,		2.00
Fiske & Howes, pipe,		61.27
Patrick Smith, labor,		9.00
Terrence Maley, “		13.50
Francis McHugh, “		13.50
John McNamee, “		12.00
P. V. Harlam, “		1.50
H. G. Landers, “		1.50
James M. Chadwick, “	12.31	
“ “ wood and land,	20.00	
	<hr/>	32.31

George S. Wing, gravel,	26.76
D. W. Hilliard, labor,	22.08
Henry Fish, "	4.65
B. W. Fish, "	6.90
S. J. Jones, "	27.45
S. H. Nye, " with team,	22.60
Henry Gray, "	3.00
Henry Hendrickson, "	15.00
T. P. Smith, "	4.50
E. P. Smith, "	20.66
Frank McHugh, "	1.50
Joseph Ewer, gravel,	12.84
Fletcher Clark, tile,	4.61
Robert Armstrong, labor,	15.20
Charles C. Haskell, " and stone,	12.00
Zenas Crocker, loam,	4.00
Thomas Murphy, labor,	9.25
Charles Gibbs, "	1.50
George Weeks, "	19.91
Frank O. Ellis, Agt., stone,	5.00
Gustavus Howland, lumber,	4.16
Charles Dillingham, 340 loads of gravel,	20.40
William Hamblin Est., use of horse,	4.00
George W. Swift, labor with horse,	4.20
Thomas H. Tobey, land,	7.75
J. H. Sullivan, blacksmithing,	14.80
John Callahan, labor,	10.50

\$2,729.49

Cr.

By appropriation,	\$2,500.00
By appropriation for clearing Sand- wich and Bourne line through Tur- pentine road,	25.00
By appropriation for land on Cotuit road,	50.00
By wood from land on Cotuit road,	29.25
By unused tile,	11.50
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	\$2,615.75
Deficiency,	<hr/>
	\$113.74

SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Total school expenses for the year ending Dec. 31, 1895,	\$6,206.14
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	<i>Cr.</i>	
By appropriation,	\$5,300.00	
Dog fund,	201.52	
Mass. school fund income,	345.08	
For superintendent's salary,	562.50	
Tuition from town of Mashpee,	90.00	
Tuition from Beatrice Atkins,	20.00	
Unexpended balance Jan. 1, 1895,	<u>2,271.41</u>	\$8,790.51
Unexpended balance Jan. 1, 1896,		<u>\$2,584.37</u>

PAUPER ACCOUNT.

John Pike, board of E. McConnell,		\$56.00
Isaac K. Chipman, labor and stock at almshouse,		3.36
George A. Shuster, care of Albert Omans,		46.50
Levi D. Hamblin, carting,		1.50
Seth O. Ellis, labor,	2.00	
“ “ killing hogs,	4.50	
	<hr/>	6.50
Seth O. & C. H. B. Ellis, undertakers' services,		26.50
Town of Harwich, supplies to A. E. Peirce,		61.10
Town of Whitman, aid to W. H. Fisher,		72.08
Town of Falmouth, aid to Emily Den- nis in '93, '94 and '95,		234.00
City of Somerville, aid to W. Crangle,		7.75
City of Cambridge, aid to W. Crangle,	6.90	
City of Cambridge, aid to S. and M. Quinn,	22.80	
	<hr/>	29.70
Mrs. John Boyle, rent,		57.00
Thomas R. Fisher, labor at almshouse,		13.12
Frank H. Burgess, rent in '94 and '95,	156.00	
“ “ table.	3.50	
	<hr/>	159.50
John McCann, groceries,		175.78
Mrs. John Dow, bread for almshouse,		31.32
Mrs. E. Blair, board of B. A. McKee,		9.00
D. S. Neal, provisions,		118.19
W. P. Moroney, shoes,		41.10
B. C. Fagan, rent,		62.00
Children's Aid Society, board,		81.25

George Terry, smoking hams,		2.00
S. I. Morse, groceries, etc.,		206.01
E. B. Howland, services as Overseer,	100.00	
“ “ expenses to Boston,	2.55	
“ “ coal,	120.54	
	<hr/>	223.09
W. B. Crosby, clams, etc.,		5.50
Mrs. L. E. Buck, board of B. A. McKee,		32.50
Thomas Murphy, wood,		12.50
George E. Burbank, groceries,		40.00
Rev. Charles A. Dickinson, board of B. A. McKee,		50.00
E. Anthony & Sons, advertising,		1.04
John F. Carleton, services as Overseer,		50.00
Fletcher Clark, groceries,		300.53
Taunton Lunatic Hospital,		723.34
Mrs. Sarah N. Shuster, board of Lovell,		52.00
Ephraim Fish, wood,		2.25
Isaiah Fish, wood,		20.00
George H. Freeman, board of Abigail Fox,		58.50
F. L. Howland, hay,	17.49	
“ “ labor with team,	22.00	
	<hr/>	39.49
F. N. Holway, carting wood,		10.00
Mrs. Henry P. Hoxie, labor,		8.00
H. G. O. Ellis, shoes,		11.87
James M. Chadwick, wood,		13.50
R. & J. Farquhar, potatoes,		12.08
S. C. Smith, wood,		2.25
Silas Howland, labor,		7.50
J. R. Holway, wood,		2.50
S. F. Swift, herring,		2.00
J. E. Holway, provisions,		178.34
Mt. Hope Cemetery Association, assess- ment,		1.00
Arthur Braman, two pigs,		11.00
John E. Pratt, medical attendance,		14.50
J. H. Crocker, flour,	4.25	
“ “ haying,	54.00	
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E. W. Haines, shoes,	21.85
Miss Mary E. McLaughlin, rent,	52.00
John Kelleher, labor,	40.50
Otis E. Denson, labor,	13.00
John Bassett, whitewashing,	2.00
Benjamin G. Bartley, dry goods,	6.13
H. H. Heald, services as Overseer,	25.00
J. A. Carlson, carting wood,	22.75
Miss Mary A. Monahan, millinery,	3.75
Mrs. A. M. Tinkham, dressmaking, etc.,	5.75
R. H. Faunce, physician's salary,	75.00
Charles Watson, labor,	12.75
Benjamin Dillingham, labor,	3.50
E. L. Wood, almshouse keeper's salary,	750.00
Mrs. E. L. Wood, sewing,	10.00
Walter H. Fish, labor with team,	2.25
C. E. Brett, clothing,	6.00
B. W. Covill, labor,	.94
O. H. Howland, hardware supplies,	9.68
G. Howland, wood, lumber, etc.,	20.23
Charles Quinn, care of tramps, etc.,	15.10
N. H. Fish, labor and wood,	10.87
George N. Chipman, medicine,	.50
Estate of John Murray, clothing,	68.20
W. R. Procter, medicine,	17.18
Thomas Chipman, repairing shoes,	1.70
J. W. Dalton, undertaking,	50.00
George E. White, medical attendance,	7.00
George L. Atherton, supplies to Lovell,	40.48

\$4,738.90

OUTSIDE AID.

Outside aid furnished to persons having a settlement in Sandwich, for the year 1895.

Paid on account of Nellie Buckley,		\$168.94
" " " Michael Hoey,		22.00
" " " Jonathan A. Omans,		57.00
The above \$57.00 will be reimbursed from sale of property.		
Paid on account of C. J. Peters' children, and reimbursed by Mr. Peters,		214.46
Paid on account of John Callahan.	182.89	
Credit by labor,	7.00	
	<hr/>	175.89
Paid on account of William Haskell,		7.00
" " " Elijah McConnell,		65.35
" " " Mrs. Maurice Sheehan,		2.50
" " " Mrs. McCarthy,		11.44
" " " Joshua Chase,		45.87
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PERSONS AIDED IN OTHER PLACES.

Persons aided in other places whose settlement is in this town.

Paid on account of Michael Quinn:		
To City of Cambridge,		\$11.40
Paid on account of Stephen Quinn:		
To City of Cambridge,		11.40
Paid on account of Abigail Fox:		
To George H. Freeman,		58.50
Paid on account of Walter H. Fisher:		
To Town of Whitman,		72.08
Paid on account of Bennie A. McKee:		
To Rev. Charles A. Dickinson and others, in consideration of which the town of Sandwich is relieved of all future support,		91.50

Paid on account of Minnie McConnell:	
To Children's Aid Society,	81.25
Paid on account of Mrs. Emily Dennis,	
for '93, '94 and '95:	
To Town of Falmouth,	234.00
Paid on account of William Crangle:	
To Cities of Cambridge and Somerville,	14.65
Paid on account of the following persons	
to Taunton Lunatic Hospital:	
Dennis Russell,	169.46
James H. Ball,	123.50
Hiram P. Jones,	169.46
James M. Atherton,	169.46

PERSONS AIDED IN THIS TOWN.

Persons aided in this town whose settlement is elsewhere:

Paid on account of Margaret Doherty of the state,	2.48
Paid on account of Rose A. Burgess of Cohasset,	91.46
Paid on account of Otis E. Denson of N. Attle-	
boro, '94 and '95,	169.00
Paid on account of Martin Gibbs of Bourne.	4.13
Paid on account of Frank Lovell of Bourne,	60.90
Paid on account of H. H. P. Lovell of Middleboro,	142.81

ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT.

Almshouse account for the year ending Dec. 31, 1895:

Dr.

Keeper's salary,	\$750.00
Labor,	172.85
Groceries, grain and bread,	474.89
Provisions,	185.84

Fuel.	87.08
Lumber.	17.98
Medicines,	.50
Dry goods, clothing and shoes,	82.75
Furnishings,	13.18
Stock on hand Jan. 1, 1895.	785.22
Funeral expenses,	50.00
Stock and seed.	23.08
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	\$2,643.37

Cr.

Two calves sold,	\$12.80	
Error by overcharge,	2.00	
For board of Mr. and Mrs. Burbank,	94.00	
For board of Bourne poor,	236.58	
Stock on hand Jan. 1, 1896.	756.20	
	<hr/>	\$1,101.58
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		\$1,541.79

STOCK ON HAND AT ALMSHOUSE, Jan. 1, 1896.

Tobacco,	\$2.00
Raisins,	.75
Spices,	1.89
48 gals. kerosene oil,	6.48
4 doz. eggs,	1.20
1-2 chest tea,	13.50
Coffee,	1.00
Baking powder,	2.00
39 bars soap,	2.34
Pearline,	1.25
3 1-2 bbls. flour,	16.63
1-4 bbl. sugar,	4.00
1-2 bush. beans,	1.75
1-2 bush. onions,	.40
723 lbs. pork,	43.38
12 lbs. lard,	1.20
40 lbs. butter,	11.20

1 bush. salt,	.75
90 bush. potatoes,	45.00
45 empty barrels,	7.60
3-4 bbl. pork,	15.00
Salt fish,	1.50
2 bush. turnips,	1.00
66 hens,	33.00
Cut wood,	6.00
7 tons coal,	39.90
7 tons hay,	112.00
1 bush corn,	.48
Fire annihilators,	35.00
Standing wood,	60.00
Horse,	50.00
3 cows,	90.00
1 harness,	18.00
1 farm wagon,	40.00
1 carriage,	70.00
Farm tools,	20.00
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	\$756.20

SUMMARY OF POOR ACCOUNT.

Summary of poor account, showing the cost of support of poor for the year ending Dec. 31, 1895:

Dr.

Almshouse, orders drawn,	\$1,858.15
Outside aid, orders drawn,	2,705.75
Overseers' salaries,	175.00
Bills payable,	60.85
Stock on hand, Jan. 1, 1895,	785.22

: \$5,584.97

Cr.

Received from town of Bourne,	\$466.86
" " " " Middleboro,	111.00
" " S. N. Burbank,	94.00

Received from C. J. Peters,	155.10	
" " City of Cambridge,	8.70	
" " Town of North Attleboro,	78.00	
" " " " Holbrook,	33.99	
" " State,	14.00	
" " John Callahan,	2.50	
" " F. N. Holway,	10.00	
" " F. B. Burgess,	13.00	
" " Other sources,	24.25	
" " Two calves sold,	12.80	
Bills due the town of Sandwich,	509.13	
Stock on hand Jan. 1, 1896,	756.20	
Bills of previous years paid in 1895,	289.18	
	<hr/>	\$2,578.71
Actual cost for the year ending Dec.		
31, 1895,		\$3,006.26
Bills contracted in previous years,		289.18
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		\$3,295.44
Appropriation,		\$3,200.00
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Deficiency,		\$95.44

INMATES OF ALMSHOUSE.

Charles W. Hamblin,	Charles R. Swift,
Henry Nye,	William Daniels,
Samuel C. Burbank,	Benjamin F. Hoxie,
Julia McHugh,	Mary McCarthy,
Effie Hoxie,	Mrs. Samuel C. Burbank,
Mary S. Baker,	Ascenath Meiggs,
	Mary J. Jackson.

The above have been inmates throughout the year.

Michael Quinn has been an inmate	324 days.
Stephen H. Quinn has been an inmate	324 "

Cornelius Dean has been an inmate	164 days:
Michael McKenna has been an inmate	185 "
Joseph Marsh has been an inmate	177 "
Jonathan A. Omans has been an inmate	135 "
John McDermott has been an inmate	2 "
Sarah Collins has been an inmate	102 "
Sarah Nightengale has been an inmate	103 "
George Weeks has been an inmate	85 "
Thirteen inmates, 365 days each,	4745 "
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Equal to one inmate for	6346 days.
or	906 4-7 weeks.

DEATHS DURING THE YEAR.

Sarah Collins, April 12.
 Sarah Nightengale, April 13.
 Joseph Marsh, June 26.
 Jonathan A. Omans, Nov. 11.

The following inmates have a settlement in the town of Bourne:

Effie Hoxie, Sarah Nightengale, George Weeks.

The total number of persons, having a settlement in this town, who have been aided during the year, is sixty-six; the number receiving aid Jan. 1, 1896, twenty-five.

Fifty-eight tramps have received a night's lodging,

STATE AID.

CHAPTER 301.

Annie F. Shevlin,	\$48.00
Benjamin Ewer,	48.00
Sarah Allen,	48.00

Elizabeth Chipman,	48.00
Sarah S. Swift,	48.00
Horace H. P. Lovell.	72.00
Grazilla N. Barnard,	48.00
Patrick McElroy,	36.00
John F. Cunningham,	36.00
Rebecca L. Cunningham,	36.00
Edward Brady,	60.00
Otis E. Denson,	48.00
Charles H. Atwood.	40.00
Perez Eldridge,	2.00

\$618.00

The above is refunded in full by the State.

VALUATION, ETC.

Number of individual residents assessed on property,	311
All other residents assessed on property,	133
Number of individual non-residents assessed on property,	138
All other non-residents assessed on property,	32
Total number of residents assessed,	444
Total number of non-residents assessed,	170
Total number of persons assessed,	776
Total number of persons assessed on property,	614
Total number of persons assessed on polls only,	162
Total number of persons assessed on poll,	412
Rate on polls,	2.00
Rate of taxation,	15.20
Assessed value of personal property,	176,275.00
Assessed value of real estate,	733,675.00
Assessed value of buildings, exclusive of land,	458,075.00
Assessed value of land, exclusive of buildings,	275,600.00
Total assessed valuation,	909,950.00
Number of dwellings,	481
Number of horses,	210
Number of cows,	204
Number of neat cattle other than cows,	30
Number of sheep,	81
Number of fowl,	650
Number of acres of land,	20,955

SUMS ASSESSED.

State tax,	\$585.00
County tax,	982.16

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS:

For Schools,	\$5,300.00
Roads,	2,500.00
Support of poor,	3,200.00
Contingent expenses,	1,000.00
Digging snow,	125.00
Public Library,	125.00
Turpentine road, boundary and fire purposes,	25.00
Repairs of Town Hall,	300.00
Land on Cotuit road,	50.00
Celebration of Memorial Day,	100.00
Care of Town Clock,	50.00
Car fare of school children,	20.00
Overlayings,	293.08
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	\$14,655.24

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

Financial condition of the town Jan. 1, 1896:

LIABILITIES.

Note to Thankful A. Packard,	\$1,300.00
Mercy F. Fish,	100.00
Charles Dillingham, Exr.,	1,000.00
Eliza A. Lovell,	150.00
Emma Jones,	50.00
Sarah F. Nichols,	1,000.00
Estate of Charles B. Hall,	3,300.00
Charles Dillingham, Treas.,	1,000.00
H. H. Heald, Trustee,	1,000.00
Fletcher Clark, Admr.,	1,500.00
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	\$10,400.00
Interest due on notes,	111.55
Bills payable (estimated)	100.00
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	\$10,611.55

ASSETS.

Uncollected taxes of 1892,	\$572.47	
“ “ 1893,	375.39	
“ “ 1894,	2,404.76	
“ “ 1895,	6,222.84	
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	\$9,575.46	
Less commission on entire taxes for four years,	851.34	
	<hr/>	\$8,724.12
Cash in hands of treasurer,		789.64
Expected reimbursement of State Aid,		618.00
Mass. school fund (estimated)		345.00
Bills due the town.		509.13
Road tools,		75.00
Road machines.		150.00
O'Neil property,		100.00
Standing wood,		60.00
Fire engine,		700.00
Due from State, balance corporation tax,		205.29
Stock on hand at almshouse,		756.20
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		\$13,032.38

LIST OF JURORS.

List of jurors as prepared by the Selectmen, to be revised and accepted at the annual March meeting :

Isaac K. Chipman,	Watson F. Tobey,
George W. Swift,	William L. Nye,
Nelson Howland,	Frederick C. Eldred,
Alvin P. Wing,	John H. Stevens,
George W. Rogers,	Arthur Braman,
Joseph S. Bassett,	Sanford I. Morse,
Peleg T. Brown,	Samuel W. Hunt,
Thomas F. Kelleher,	Frank H. Burgess,
Jerome R. Holway,	Charles G. Ellis,
Laban P. Crocker,	Orin H. Howland,
John A. Armstrong,	Augustus R. Pope,
Alfred E. Dillingham,	Stephen S. Chipman.

GUIDE BOARDS.

Chapter 162 of the Acts of 1887, in relation to Guide Boards at the forks and intersections of highways and ways leading to other towns, has been complied with.

APPROPRIATIONS.

The Selectmen recommend that the following amounts be raised and appropriated for the ensuing year :

For the Poor,	\$2,700
Roads,	2,500
Contingent expenses,	1,000

1902
1895
1897

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

BIRTHS.

Births recorded in the Town Clerk's office during the year ending Dec. 31, 1895:

- Feb. 22, 1892. George W. Hamblin, son to Levi D. and Annie (King)
Mar. 9, 1893. Bertha G. Cheval, daughter to Alfred L. and Mary J. (Larkin)
Aug. 23, 1893. Olive Lincoln Hamblin, daughter to Levi and Annie (King)
Sept. 26, 1893. Ellen Hoey, daughter to Michael and Edith A. (Chase)
Sept. 2, 1894. Lena E. McHugh, daughter to William and Selina (Pike)
Sept. 30, 1894. Esther Susan Burgess, daughter to Frank P. and Rose A. (Smith)

1895.

- Jan. 22. Winthrop Frye Howland, son to Frank L. and Amanda S. (Frye)
Jan. 22. Mildred Evelyn Elmer, son to George W. and Emma B.
Feb. 14. Phillips Brooks Edmands, son to Ernest J. and Mabelle C. (Knight)
Feb. 25. Joseph Edgar Landers, son to Harrison G. and Annie W. (Jones)
Mar. 6. ——— Halsam, son to Peter V. and Nettie W.
Mar. 16. Hattie V. Gibbs, daughter to Martin T. and Alice G. (Braley)

- Apr. 6. Charles Francis Milliken, son to Joseph J. and Cora L. (Chadbourne)
- Apr. 13. James William and Margaret Irene Buckley, twins, to Timothy and Kate (Parks)
- May 9. Stillborn, to Mrs. Nellie Buckley
- May 31. Maude L. Percival, daughter to Horace and Eveline W. (Chadwick)
- June 8. Azariah Cleveland Jones, son to Azariah P. and Elizabeth M. (Hilliard)
- June 19. Robert Barkley Hoxie, son to Alfred E. and Flora F. (Adams)
- July 6. William Franklin Denson, son to William F. and Abbie F. (Denson)
- Sept. 14. ——— Maley, son to John and Maria (Parks)
- Oct. 3. Joseph Simon Murphy, son to Michael J. and Kate (Lawler)
- Oct. 24. Thomas McCarthy, son to Daniel E. and Mary E. (Donovan)
- Oct. 27. Agnes Viola Jones, daughter to William H. and Sarah H. (~~Wing~~ *Wyer*)
- Nov. 6. Josie Abbie Neal, daughter to Decatur S. and Mary L. (Newcomb)
- Nov. 19. Mary Murphy, daughter to Richard J. and Annie (O'Leary)
- Nov. 28. Anna Tuddle, daughter to William and Hannah.
- Dec. 7. Ellen Winn, daughter to Michael and Elizabeth (Beck)

MARRIAGES.

Marriages recorded in the Town Clerk's office during the year ending Dec. 31, 1895 :

- Mar. 3. Lorenzo S. F. Johnson of Wareham,
Mary K. Rogers of Sandwich.
- Mar. 31. Frederick E. Braley of Sandwich,
Phebe A. Haskell of Middleboro.
- June 8. Alton A. Wood of Plymouth,
Gertrude A. Lovell of Sandwich.

June	27.	Herbert P. Jones of Sandwich, Mary C. Besse of Bourne.
July	3.	George W. Gould of Upton, Carrie Gilman of Sandwich.
Sept.	4.	Sylvester H. Chadwick of Brockton, Joan Lawson of Sandwich.
Oct.	9.	Henry H. Freeman of Boston, Caroline S. Wesson of Boston.
Oct.	16.	Thomas J. Mahoney of Barnstable, Mary L. Brown of Sandwich.
Oct.	21.	Daniel E. McCarthy of Sandwich, Mary E. Donovan of Sandwich.
Nov.	1.	Russell H. Holway of Sandwich, Bertha Bassett of Wareham.
Nov.	26.	Ambrose B. Landers of Sandwich, Bridget Cloe of Salem.
Nov.	28.	John F. Hoey of Sandwich, Martha L. Rogers of Sandwich.
Dec.	21.	Charles W. Watson of Sandwich, Lucy Allen of Sandwich.
Dec.	30.	Robert Matson of Sandwich, Emma Aoto of Sandwich.

DEATHS.

Deaths recorded in the Town Clerk's office during the year ending Dec. 31, 1895 :

			AGE		
			Years.	Months.	Days.
Jan.	21.	Abbie J. Hall,	67	9	
Mar.	8.	Warren Crowell,	92	5	10
Mar.	12.	Marie Perroti,	52		
Mar.	27.	Susan M. Sherman,	65	2	14
Mar.	28.	Maurice Sheehan,	69		
Mar.	29.	Franklin Nye,	91	5	7
Apr.	9.	Harriet Parker,	68	7	
Apr.	11.	Nancy A. Smith,	98	9	
Apr.	13.	Sarah Nightengale,	60		
Apr.	15.	Carlton M. Percival,	1	1	25

			AGE		
			<i>Years.</i>	<i>Months.</i>	<i>Days.</i>
Apr.	20.	George W. Taunton,	1	3	
Apr.	22.	Thomas McDermott,	79		
Apr.	22.	Eliza Howard,	86	2	10
May	7.	Caroline Watson,	48		
May	17.	Isaac W. Holway,	38	9	
June	9.	Bradford B. Briggs,	70	11	
June	26.	Joseph Marsh,	71		
July	19.	John P. Canary,	29		
July	25.	Philip Shevlin,	83		
July	25.	James Shepardson,	38		
July	27.	Annie J. Condon,	40		
July	29.	George H. Terry,	69	6	10
Aug	2.	Peter Linehan,	83		
Aug.	6.	Sylvanus D. Robinson,	55		
Aug.	23.	Rev. Thomas F. Clinton.	46		
Sept.	4.	John Q. Miller,	60	8	
Sept.	8.	Terrence Donnelly,	67	7	
Oct.	11.	—— Thomas,		40	hours.
Nov.	3.	John Hobson,	69	4	
Nov.	11.	Jonathan A. Omans,	78		
Nov.	28.	Mary A. Shevlin,	67		
Nov.	29.	Edward J. Swann,	53	10	
Dec.	11.	Hannah Buckley,	51		
Dec.	12.	James Russell,	10		
Dec.	17.	William Haskell,	41		
Dec.	23.	Robert Wright,	44	4	18
Dec.	24.	Gertrude R. Grady,	1	2	

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

I herewith submit the fifth annual report of the general condition of the Public Library for the year ending Dec. 31, 1895. The number of books taken from the Library has been 6167, being an increase of 188 over last year.

There has been two purchases of books, one in March and the other in September, comprising about 180 volumes.

The reading table is well patronized, both by youths and adults, and a growing feeling of interest is manifested in the Library. Miss Della R. Baker, our popular Librarian, resigned her position last fall, and Miss Annie Rogers, the Assistant Librarian, is acting in her stead. The Trustees, the past year, have met with a loss in the death of Rev. T. F. Clinton, who has, since the founding of the Library, served on its Board. Miss Sarah T. McLaughlin has been elected to fill the vacancy.

Donations of checks have been received from Mr. Asa Wing of Philadelphia, and Mr. William A. Foster of Boston, the value of which will be found in the Treasurer's report.

Recently, owing to the generous and cheerful response of the business men and others of the town, the reading room of the Library has been made more pleasant and attractive, as well as more suitable, for the reception of the valuable and original oil painting, given in September by Mr. Joseph Jefferson.

The town is greatly honored by this gift, coming as it does from so distinguished a gentleman and artist, and one who is held in such affection and esteem throughout the world.

The thanks of the Trustees, in behalf of the public in general, has been tendered Mr. Jefferson, and also Mrs. F. Edwin Elwell, through whose personal efforts and interest the same was obtained. Upon the opposite wall of the reading room from Mr. Jefferson's painting will be seen a fine photograph of "Little Nell," this being a portion of the beautiful statue of Dickens, by Mr. F. Edwin Elwell, that occupied the "place of honor" in the Art Museum at the Columbian Exposition, and was awarded the gold medal. This photo was given the Library by Mr. Elwell.

These gifts, coming from such noted persons, should be held in high regard, and they certainly add value and interest to our reading room.

The town is also much indebted to Mrs. Elwell for her many acts of benevolence in behalf of the Library and reading table, and the funds that have thus been raised by her efforts from time to time have materially assisted in the purchase of books and periodicals. The "Cake Sale" of last summer originated by her, together with the generous assistance of Mrs. H. A. Belcher and Mr. F. H. Pope, and the willing response it met with from the citizens of Sandwich in the way of cake, jellies, money, etc., resulted in a substantial sum for the Library. It is hoped that a like interest will be manifested during the coming year.

ALICE R. COOKE,

Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Jan. 1, 1896.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1895,	\$202.72
Periodicals,	3.46
Fines,	21.67
Sale of catalogues,	7.00
Cake sale and entertainment,	130.00
W. A. Foster, gift,	5.00
Asa Wing, gift,	15.00
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	\$384.85

EXPENDITURES.

Fuel,	\$3.00
Freight and postage,	2.61
Librarian's salary,	53.20
Books,	70.34
Printing of catalogues,	30.00
Preparation of catalogues,	12.00
J. B. Hall, for screens,	8.06
Magazines and papers,	37.70
O. H. Howland, pipes, etc.,	13.42
Incidentals,	7.75
Cash on hand.	146.77
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	\$384.85

B. G. BARTLEY,

Treasurer.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

1895.

MRS. H. A. MORSE,	.	.	.	Term expires 1896
FRANCIS R. HOLWAY,	.	.	.	" " "
HENRY W. GOODSPEED,	.	.	.	" " "
DR. R. H. FAUNCE,	.	.	.	" " 1897
FRANK A. FISHER,	.	.	.	" " "
CHARLES DILLINGHAM,	.	.	.	" " "
MRS. ELIZABETH CLARK,	.	.	.	" " 1898
ROBERT ARMSTRONG,	.	.	.	" " "
JAMES L. LAWRENCE,	.	.	.	" " "

DR. R. H. FAUNCE, *Chairman.*

ERNEST J. EDMANDS, *Secretary.*

E. J. EDMANDS, *Superintendent of Schools.*

CALENDAR—1896.

HIGH SCHOOL.

WINTER TERM.

Commences January 6, Closes March 20

SPRING TERM.

Commences March 30, Closes June 26

FALL TERM.

Commences August 31, Closes Dec. 18

COMMON SCHOOLS.

WINTER TERM.

Commences December 30, 1895, Closes March 3

SPRING TERM.

Commences April 6, * Closes June 18

FALL TERM.

Commences October 5,† Closes Dec. 11

*Subject to change should the school year be lengthened.

†Should cranberry picking threaten to seriously interfere with attendance this date will be postponed one week.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the School Committee of Sandwich:

I have the honor of submitting to you my second annual report of the public schools of Sandwich,—the fourth annual report of its superintendent acting under the district system. Business men as they balance their accounts at the end of the year do not expect that all of their various enterprises have been successful. In reviewing the year's work for an annual report some failures are expected, evidences of success are rejoiced in and better plans for the future should be considered.

ATTENDANCE.

During the past year two hundred and ninety-three pupils have been enrolled in our schools, or two more than in the previous year. The number in the village schools has remained exactly the same as last year, two hundred and twenty-five, while the South District has enrolled eight less than last year, and there are two more in Scorton and seven in Spring Hill.

With the exception of the High School and the schools in East Sandwich and the South District, all of the schools have shown a marked improvement in the percentage of attendance over that of last year, while the percentage has greatly improved during the fall term in the South District.

The amount of tardinesses per pupil has decreased in all of the schools but that at Spring Hill, the School Street Primary, the High School and the one in the South District. The latter has shown marked improvement during the fall term.

The average attendance of the town has increased from 92.4 per cent. to 94.2 per cent.

The appointment of the janitor of the village schools as truant officer has aided the teachers of the village materially in securing better attendance, while the spirit brought about by changes of teachers, as expressed by one of the pupils in the words, "I like to go to school now," has not been without its influence.

TRUANT OFFICER'S REPORT.

To the Superintendent of Schools:

DEAR SIR: Since my appointment in April, I have thirteen times been asked to look up delinquent pupils. In most of these cases the parents have been the parties most to blame. To my knowledge, there are now no habitual truants, and it pleases me to report that in no case has the parent interviewed met me otherwise than pleasantly in the discharge of my duty.

Respectfully,

THOMAS MONTAGUE,

Truant Officer.

TEACHERS.

The changes made in the teaching force have materially strengthened it. Such changes must always be made with considerable reluctance, fearing that "the last state

shall be worse than the first." During the year resignations were accepted and vacancies made, because, in the judgment of the majority of the school committee, such changes were for the best interests of the school. Any change must almost inevitably displease some; and it is an easy matter for those who have no responsibility in the matter, although questionable as to its honorableness, to anonymously denounce such changes through the public press.

It is often better for the teacher to depart quietly than that friends force the committee or superintendent to publicly discuss the reason of her leaving.

Order, maintained at the expense of constant complaints as to methods secured, the expulsion of some, and hatred of school life engendered in other pupils, does not secure the result demanded of our schools, good citizenship, and when any considerable per cent. of the pupils are thus driven away, as has happened in one school during the year, a change is a necessity.

It is manifestly impossible to guarantee that every new teacher shall be superior to her predecessor, and that no parent has yet to the knowledge of the superintendent, either directly or indirectly, made complaints of the work of any of the new teachers, while many pleasant things have been said, speaks much in favor of the changes made.

As a whole we have been fortunate in our new teachers, but if, upon further trial, any shall be found wanting other changes should be made.

The superintendent wishes to thank the present teachers, both those who have remained during the year and those who have been engaged since its beginning, for the hearty co-operation they have, almost without exception, given him.

SALARIES.

During the year, owing to the fact of readjustment of salaries, and that part of the money hitherto expended for salaries in the south district was, by consolidation, expended for transportation, and also because by readjustment of the school calendars the lower schools were in session one week less than last year, the aggregate amount paid out is less than last year by \$165.43.

A comparison of the average salaries paid in Sandwich with her sister towns, Bourne and Barnstable, may reveal one of the difficulties which meets your superintendent in keeping up the grade of our schools. The figures below are taken from the reports of the several towns, and refer to salaries paid Jan. 1, 1894, the latest date available for comparison :

						Average number of pupils in each.	Average yearly salary.
Grammar Schools :							
Barnstable,	-	-	-	-	-	27.5	\$510
Bourne,	-	-	-	-	-	29.8	400
Sandwich,	-	-	-	-	-	31.0	*500
Intermediate Schools :							
Barnstable,	-	-	-	-	-	33.6	\$368
Sandwich,	-	-	-	-	-	44.0	280
Primary Schools :							
Barnstable,	-	-	-	-	-	31.5	\$340
Bourne,	-	-	-	-	-	22.0	309
Sandwich,	-	-	-	-	-	30.7	272
Mixed Schools :							
Barnstable,	-	-	-	-	-	16.3	\$319
Bourne,	-	-	-	-	-	21.4	307
Sandwich,	-	-	-	-	-	†18.0	†256

*Now \$400.

†Figures from last term of year after consolidation of South District schools.

It will be seen that our mixed schools suffer most by comparison and the intermediate schools next. The importance of the work in these schools has, it seems to me, been hitherto underestimated.

Sandwich has in the past maintained an honorable position in the percentage of her valuation appropriated for schools, holding, in 1874, the second position in the county and the fifth in the state. In 1884, her position was still second in the county and seventh in the state. In 1894, she held the third place in the county but had dropped to the twenty-ninth in the state.

Conditions during these twenty years have changed materially, and a much larger expenditure per pupil is now necessary to keep up the relative position of our schools than formerly.

How shall these changes be met without increasing the burden to the taxpayers?

CONSOLIDATION.

Consolidation of schools is one of the ways of doing this. In the south district this has been done, and a considerable saving of money made to the town, besides making the hiring of a higher grade teacher possible. This consolidation in other places should continue. By an examination of the grade table elsewhere given it will be seen that if the pupils of the Scorton school were conveyed to Spring Hill, the lower grades might be united with those already there, forming a primary school, which could advance the pupils more rapidly than is already done by the efficient teacher in charge. The same team which conveyed the pupils there could convey the remaining upper grade pupils with those of Spring Hill to the village, to enjoy advantages impossible even with the best of teachers in schools with more classes; and, as I believe, an eventual saving to the town.

The work of the past term in the Jarvesville school has been much in advance of that of a year ago. While the teacher is much stronger in her work than her predecessor, the advance noted is in a large measure due to the fact that by the sending of one of the grades to the School Street Primary school, a larger amount of time for each of the three remaining grades has been given.

In the interest of permanent economy, the uniting in the same room of all village pupils of the same grade may be soon considered, unless, as it now seems improbable, the school population materially increases. By so doing, the salary of one teacher could be saved.

Below is the approximate number of pupils in each of the lower grade schools of the village at the beginning of the next school year commencing in October, should no changes be made in the grades of each room :

School Street Primary, Grades I and II,	Pupils	28
West Primary, Grades III and IV,	"	22
Jarvesville Primary, Grades I, III and IV,	"	26

Should the arrangement of last year be re-established, they would approximately be as follows :

School Street Primary, Grades I and II,	Pupils	18
West Primary, Grades III and IV,	"	22
Jarvesville Primary, Grades I, II, III and IV,	"	36

By the consolidation above spoken of, the pupils would be distributed as follows :

Lower Primary, Grades I and II,	Pupils	39
Upper Primary, Grades III and IV,	"	37

By such a change, one-half of the money saved in salaries and fuel might well be applied in increasing the salaries of the

remaining teachers, thus retaining good teachers and at the same time reducing the amount needed for our schools.

While these changes may not, upon consideration, be found expedient, they are suggested as one means of increasing the efficiency of our schools and raising the salaries of the remaining teachers to the average of adjoining towns.

BUILDINGS.

In my last annual report, the influence of the building and its surroundings upon the pupils was commented upon, and a daily inspection of the premises urged upon the teachers. This has in some cases been done and, while as a whole I think they are now more favorable to a pure life, much more can be done by the teachers in this direction.

During the year three school buildings have been painted on the outside,—those of Farmersville, Jarvesville and West Primary. The interior of three rooms, those of Farmersville, the School Street Grammar and Primary schools, have been painted. The walls of the School Street Primary room and the Farmersville school room have been tinted. New slate blackboards have been placed in the School Street Primary room, and a cistern has been dug and supplied with a pump at Farmersville. A storm door and double windows have been placed upon the most exposed side of the Academy building.

The out houses of the village have received a thorough renovating, new sills being put under several.

No special repairs are now needed, except in the walls of the Grammar and Intermediate rooms on School street.

Before this is done, a committee should report upon the advisability of placing all of the lower schools under one roof by the remodelling of the School street building, and have this question, agitated for some time past, definitely settled.

Upon a careful examination of the buildings, the special appropriation of the year was found to be badly needed, many little repairs adding quite a sum to the total of the expected outlay. Below is the account of the amounts spent upon the several buildings, the last item being for supplies and small repairs not easily assigned to special buildings.

High,	\$43.63
School Street,	123.65
West Primary,	50.15
Jarvesville,	102.25
Spring Hill,	7.15
Scorton,	18.15
Farmersville,	143.49
Undivided,	25.94
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	\$514.41

TEACHERS' MEETINGS.

These have been held as occasion demanded, and the visit of Mrs. Ella B. Hallock was heartily appreciated. The teachers who unanimously attended the Barnstable County Teachers' Association on one of the most stormy days of the season are to be commended, but need no other reward than the rich treat enjoyed by them there.

MEMORIAL DAY.

The exercises by the schools the evening of Memorial Day were a fitting close to its observance, and as long as such a hearty response can be had, like exercises should be kept up.

EXHIBITION.

At the close of the spring term an exhibition of the methods of teaching in our schools was given in the Town Hall, in which the various schools of the village participated.

Primary reading methods were illustrated by the School Street Primary School; phonic analysis by the Jarvesville School; letter spacing by the West Primary School; mental fraction work by the Intermediate School; and quick methods in interest by the Grammar School, while the High School illustrated the work of its lyceum by a short business meeting and a debate. Perhaps the most pleasing feature of the evening were the German songs by the High School, under the direction of Mrs. Webber, the wife of the principal, who had gratuitously taught music in the school during the year.

At the beginning of the spring term the superintendent offered a picture as a prize to that school of Bourne or Sandwich which would exhibit at its end the best display of written work, drawing, etc.

On the walls of the hall Sandwich's work was displayed during the exercises above described, and made a pleasing addition to the work of the evening.

The decision as to the merits of the work of each town was left to a local committee, and the pupils of Mr. A. O. Burke of the Bourne Grammar School and of Miss Charlotte E. Jones of the School Street Intermediate School of Sandwich earned the first place in their respective towns. Below is the report of the Sandwich committee:

To E. J. Edmands, Superintendent:

Herein is respectfully submitted the report of the committee appointed by you to pass upon the work exhibited by the several public schools of Sandwich, open to inspection recently in the Town Hall. We understand your request to be, to decide which school made the best showing in all the work exhibited, the decision to be based not alone upon the excellence of the work, per se, but modified by the grade and age of the pupils, the percentage of specimens shown by any school to the whole number of pupils in that school, and

by any other circumstance calculated to affect, legitimately and materially, the work.

We were confronted at once, as you are doubtless aware, with the difficulty of our task, but with our best judgment we have kept in mind your instructions and are pleased to report as follows :

It may seem stereotyped to say, that amid the general excellence, regardless of all the modifying circumstances, a decision could not be reached hastily, but we make the assertion with the utmost sincerity. Of course the conditions imposed made our task one of great difficulty. The work in the grades below the High school comprised original composition, penmanship, free-hand drawing and number work, some schools exhibiting all, others omitting some of these. For general excellence we awarded first mention to the Intermediate School, Miss Jones. Second in excellence were considered the School Street Primary, Miss Newcomb, and the Jarvesville, Miss Donovan,—the former for originality, the latter for improvement under exceptional disadvantages. In drawing alone Miss Jones' school deserves first mention and Miss Newcomb's second. Honorable mention should be made of the writing exercises of Miss Newcomb's school, and West Primary, Miss Higgins. The work of the High School was so different in kind and variety that comparison with other grades could hardly be made. If we had separated the kinds of work common to all grades and judged by that alone, justice compels us to say that our judgment would have been the same, but we desire to accord to that school great credit for the preparation of botanical specimens and for original mechanical work.

Respectfully,

JOHN E. PRATT,	} Committee.
HARRIET A. MORSE.	
ELIZABETH CLARK,	

Owing to the difficulty of obtaining trained out-of-town judges without expense, the decision of the respective merits of the above schools was delayed. At last such a committee was found, one a Grammar master and another a Normal teacher. These accorded the first position to the Sandwich Intermediate School and called attention to the following points of superior excellence in its display, larger variety of, and better written work, neatness in arrangement of written arithmetic work and superior excellence in drawing. They also noted the map drawing of the Bourne school as being of superior excellence in variety and execution.

The decision was rendered difficult owing to the different conditions under which the schools were working, but at last the committee felt obliged to award the prize to the school which, although working under fewer difficulties, offered, as it seemed to them, work more than enough better to sustain their decision.

MUSIC.

At the beginning of the fall term the High school was supplied with the American Music System, Book No. 4, by Prof. Zuchtman, and the advance made during the fall term has been highly flattering to Mrs. Webber, and the assistant teacher, Miss Newhall, who has aided in the work. Probably no other study, unless we except reading, will contribute so much to the enjoyment of the future citizen as music. It should immediately be introduced into the lower schools.

The observation of educators has taught them that the amount of time consumed in its teaching does not detract from other work, but helps and inspires it, and it is hard today to find a primary teacher who attempts to go through a day without some singing. Without regular teaching, this may easily do the child more harm than good in its future effects upon the voice. I recommend that a beginning be

made in the teaching of music from a scientific standpoint in our lower schools. How this can best be done can be determined after it is decided to begin it.

CALENDAR.

The printing of the school calendar has resulted in more uniformity in the beginning of the terms. The accident occurring to the teacher of the Intermediate School during the summer vacation necessitated the securing of a substitute and the superintendent congratulated himself on securing a teacher whose standing in previous schools prophesied almost no loss in the work during her absence but, in the postponement of the commencement of the fall term on account of cranberry picking, she received a much better position. Upon the recommendation of the principal of the Bridgewater Normal School one of its three year graduates was finally secured, who did remarkably well for a teacher without experience.

The school year is a short one, and in the making up of a calendar for the next year I recommend that the common school year be lengthened two weeks in order that a better fit be given for the High School.*

HIGH SCHOOL.

During the year, inquiries from the State Board of Education have been received regarding the amount of work accomplished in our High School.

In order to maintain it up to a high standard which will entitle its graduates to admittance to the Normal Schools of the State, the custom in some of the towns of the State of graduating any who have spent four years within the High School walls, whether they have conquered the work laid out

* NOTE. At a meeting of the School Committee, Jan. 21, 1896, it was unanimously voted to recommend such a change.

or not, should not be tolerated, and the honesty of the teachers in marking pupils as they find them, not as the parents wish they would mark them, should be upheld by all good citizens as well as by school authorities.

Your superintendent is glad to note a noticeable improvement along all lines of work in the Sandwich High School. Below will be found a course of study to which the school is trying to approach by a steady raising of the grade of work done. This course was made out by the superintendent in consultation with the principal of the High School, and submitted to State Agent McDonald, who has had charge of such work during the year, by direction of the Secretary of the Massachusetts Board of Education. It is not yet possible to attain to it in all respects, but by its ideal an uplift in the work has already been given, and the two lowest grades are now in line with it.

COURSE OF STUDY, HIGH SCHOOL.

CLASSICAL.		FIRST YEAR—"D."	ENGLISH.
Hours per week.			Hours per week.
4	LATIN.	FRENCH OR GERMAN.	4
		Easy prose read and constructed.	
		Declensions, conjugations and fundamental rules of construction deduced, practiced and thoroughly memorized.	
4		ALGEBRA.	4
		Through Quadratics.	
4		{ ENGLISH HISTORY, }	4
		{ BOOK-KEEPING, }	
		Single Entry.	
4		{ ENGLISH LITERATURE. }	4
		Especial emphasis given to thought analysis. See detailed course English Construction and Composition, including grammatical analysis.	
SECOND YEAR—"C."			
Hours per week.			Hours per week.
4	LATIN.	FRENCH OR GERMAN.	3
1		ENGLISH COMPOSITION.	1
		Especial reference to its history and etymology.	
4		FRENCH OR GERMAN.	4
		With "D" English.	
4		{ COMMERCIAL ARITHMETIC. }	4
		{ BUSINESS FORMS. }	
		{ BOOK-KEEPING. }	
		Double entry.	
5		GEOMETRY.	5
		Plain.	
2		{ PHYSIOLOGY (1 term). }	2
		{ BOTANY (2 term). }	
2		{ ENGLISH LITERATURE. }	2
		RHETORIC, READING OF MASTERPIECES.	
		See detailed course. Two complete works of American authors read and reviewed each term.	

CLASSICAL.

THIRD YEAR—"B."

ENGLISH.

Hours per week.

Hours per week.

4 LATIN.

FRENCH OR GERMAN. 4

5	{	PHYSICS, 1-2 year. CHEMISTRY, 1-2 year.	}	5
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3	FRENCH OR GERMAN.	ENGLISH LITERATURE.	3
	With "C" English.	Continued as in "C."	

4	GENERAL HISTORY.	4
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Especial attention given to study of Greece and Rome
and France since Louis XIII.

FOURTH YEAR—"A."

5	{	ENGLISH LITERATURE Continued. Especial attention given to theme construction in English Composition.	}	5
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4	{	CIVIL GOVERNMENT, 1-2 year. PHYSIOGRAPHY, 1-2 year.	}	4
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1	ASTRONOMY.	1
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2	LATIN.	FRENCH OR GERMAN.	2
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4	REVIEWS AND EXTRAS.	4
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1	DRAWING THROUGHOUT COURSE.	1
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1	MUSIC THROUGHOUT COURSE.	1
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DECLAMATION, ESSAY OR EQUIVALENT LYCEUM WORK
THROUGHOUT COURSE.

The completion of the first two years' work of the English Course with a third year's course of not less than sixteen hours per week, selected from the work of the last two years, will constitute a three years' course, which will entitle those taking it to a certificate, the diploma being reserved for the graduates of the full four years' course.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL.

To the Superintendent of Schools and Members of the School Committee:

During the past year several changes have been made in the curriculum and in the text books. The course in the fourth year has been changed by combining the work in Political Economy and Civil Government, making the work more applicable to the needs of the scholar. The Astronomy work has been improved by a change of texts, which stimulates the student to observation, and gives a much more practical idea of the celestial sphere than it was possible to obtain under the old method. A half year in History has been added to the studies of this class, and Commercial Arithmetic is taken as an elective by all the members. The work in Drawing has been changed, and under the new system the scholars are drawing from objects, in charcoal. So far work has been done only in two tones, the objects being based upon the sphere and cylinder. The boys made the easels, and the interest as well as the careful work shows that the change was certainly for the better.

The greatest change in the curriculum has been in the English work. It has been found impossible to follow, at present, the course as laid out by State Agent McDonald, but the changes introduced have been made with the idea of leading up to it. The work in the comparative study of poetry upon nature has shown pleasing results. To guard against such cases as were found in my first year, each scholar is now required to review two books a term, giving a criticism of the books as well as the abstract of the story. The books have been selected with a view to cultivating a taste for good reading. In consideration of the crudeness of expression prevalent among the scholars, a course in English composition has been added, consisting of the writing and correction of three short themes each week, the subjects being

taken, as far as possible, from the experiences of the scholars. The good results of this training are most gratifying. The steady growth in the power of expressing thought and the latent ability which manifests itself in certain cases, demonstrates, even at this early date, the efficacy of the course.

A course in French, by the natural method, has been introduced. The success in this line, under the instruction of Miss Newhall, is exceedingly gratifying. The conversation periods are looked forward to with great pleasure, and certainly are very profitable. Several scholars have shown their interest by forming a club for the purpose of getting practice in French conversation.

The work in music has been systematized, and ten minutes each morning is devoted to the work in breathing and exercises in reading music, in addition to which there is an hour's lesson each week by Mrs. Webber.

The Debating Society has increased in efficiency, and, although defeated in the first public joint debate, we feel that we made a creditable showing. An equivalent course in Declamation is pursued by a few scholars.

Realizing the need of systematic physical training for the scholars, especially such work as will tend to correct the weak backs and hollow chests so common at the present time, we have voted to expend a part of the money received from the "District School" in providing a gymnastic outfit for the scholars, and have undertaken a course in physical training. We need more apparatus and better accommodations. A similar course in the upper grades of the elementary schools would be well worth the cost and trouble. In the interest of the pupils and future citizens, I would ask for the scheme careful and thoughtful consideration.

The spirit of the school is greatly improved, mentally and morally. The scholars have this year manifested a willingness to respond to all calls and an interest in their studies not

before shown. There is evidence of a unanimity which should be zealously fostered.

I still feel it my duty to remonstrate with the citizens about visiting. We cordially welcome visitors, but few appear. The scholars derive benefit from the visits of parents and friends, and the parents can give us intelligent co-operation only when they see the work of the school. Without the co-operation of parents the teachers cannot fulfil their mission.

In November, I petitioned for the admission of the Sandwich High School to the list of certificate schools of Mt. Holyoke College, South Hadley, Mass. This petition has been granted, and a certificate issued to Miss Eva C. Woodwell upon her completion of her collegiate course.

Again I would urge the adoption of a more rigid requirement for admission to the High School. If we are to maintain our standing in the State, we must have better fitted pupils in the entering classes. The present first class shows a carelessness due to hasty training, which the past sixteen weeks of hard work, in school and out, has not corrected. An accuracy in number work, an ability to analyze given writings, and to clearly express individual thought, should be made an absolute requirement.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR B. WEBBER,
Principal.

GRADES.

The State course of study has been used as a basis for the work of the lower schools, although being laid out for nine years, the completion of it in eight years has required a re-adjustment of the amount of work in each year.

The schedule herewith given showing the number of pupils in each grade and their average ages gives some idea of the relative ages of the pupils in the village and outside schools.

Showing grade and number of pupils in each school during the fall term of 1895, with ages reckoned to the completion of the grade work, July 1, 1896:

GRADES	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	Special	Total
SCHOOLS	No. pupils Av. age Vrs. and mos.	No. pupils Av. age Vrs. and mos.	No. pupils Av. age Vrs. and mos.	No. pupils Av. age Vrs. and mos.	No. pupils Av. age Vrs. and mos.	No. pupils Av. age Vrs. and mos.	No. pupils Av. age Vrs. and mos.	No. pupils Av. age Vrs. and mos.	No. pupils Av. age Vrs. and mos.	
	9 15-4	8 15-11	9 17-4	6 18-0					2	34
										26
					25 11-8	17 12-10	15 12-10	11 14-0		42
	10 6-3	13 8-0								23
										31
	11 7-0		15 10-2	16 11-8						35
			9 10-2	15 12-0						22
	6 7-4	3 7-10			3 11-6	6 13-0			4 11-0	17
	5 6-6	2 7-6	4 9-8	3 10-3		1 15-5	2 15-3			27
6 8-9	5 8-3		2 11-6	4 11-7		8 15-8		2 15-8		
Total in lower grades	38 7-1	23 8-0	28 10-1	36 11-8	32 11-8	24 13-0	25 13-1	11 14-0	6 12-7	223

The work of the lower grades of the outside schools is from necessity not as broad as in the village and, while the rate of progress from grade to grade is often more rapid, the better preparation of the village children shows very clearly in the work of the upper grades, and in many cases pupils of the outside schools require two or three years to complete the same work done in the village schools in one year, and the age of the pupils in the upper grades is correspondingly high. While it is true that in the mixed schools pupils whom natural ability and superior home training combine to make them ambitious often advance more rapidly than pupils in the villages, it is generally at the expense of broad thoroughness, and the average pupil is too often compelled to struggle hopelessly against odds which those in the village do not have to encounter.

FINANCES.

Various causes have contributed to reduce the expenses of the year below what they were anticipated to be, and the extra appropriation made for painting has not been needed. The adoption of a new series of Arithmetics in the lower schools and new singing books for the High School, besides the buying of books made necessary by the raising of the grade of the literature work in the High School has swelled the amount needed for books and supplies to a total slightly larger than last year.

In order that there be more uniformity in the approval of school bills, at the request of the Selectmen, the following votes were passed by the school committee:

"That the superintendent sign and approve all salary and transportation bills."

"That all bills, except above, be approved by the Chairman of the Finance Committee, (Dr. R. H. Faunce.)"

Also, that in the future expenses for repairs may be properly regulated.

"That all estimates for special repairs be submitted to the Finance Committee before any expense over \$5 in amount be incurred."

NEEDS.

The books most needed in our schools are a greater and better variety of reading matter and new geographies of some kind. New wall maps, better globes and physiology charts are needed. In the High School a new encyclopædia is one of the needs, while a considerable amount should be expended in repairing physical apparatus and in supplying material for the teaching of the elements of chemistry.

While no special appropriation will be required for these purposes, a careful management of the usual appropriation will be needed to supply the necessary equipment for even passable work in many directions during the next few years.

SCHOOL ROOM ECONOMY.

Pupils should be taught by the teachers that every unnecessary waste in life cuts down the available amount to be spent in luxuries and even what ought to be considered necessities. Pupils should not be allowed to think if one sheet of paper is spoiled another will be given them, or that nothing is gained by the care of their books.

During the coming year teachers are asked to see that all the necessities of school work are more carefully used.

RECORDS.

At the beginning of the fall term a system of records was begun which provides for the keeping of the record of each pupil from the time he enters the regular work of the school until he leaves, with the bi-weekly estimate of every study by the teacher as sent to the parent entered in a permanent and convenient form for filing.

Parents who are dissatisfied in any way with the progress of their children should at once notify the teacher, and when this fails to give satisfaction, to the superintendent, before jumping to the conclusion that the whole system of education is wrong. In the absence of such complaints the superintendent will take the returned report cards as *prima facie* evidence of the satisfaction of the parent, and complaints of unsatisfactory work of the teacher while respectfully listened to, cannot be given by him the same weight after months of acquiescence as upon a prompt presentation of the facts.

CONCLUSION.

True progress in every line must be slow. From every sudden overturning of existing evils in a community a reaction is almost inevitable. Public opinion must first be formed before sure progress can be made. This is true, especially so, in school work. What the work of the year has accomplished or left unaccomplished must be more patent in the future than in the present. Many results have already been seen from the work of the year.

For the confidence the committee and community have shown the superintendent during the year he thanks them

and hopes that it may even more be repaid them in the results of the future. The present results are already before them and to their judgment he leaves them.

Respectfully,

E. J. EDMANDS.



STATISTICS,

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SCHOOLS	Terms	Wages per month	Total wages for year	Pupils attending	Av. cost per pupil for tuition	TEACHERS
High	{ 1 2 and 3	\$100.00 40.00	\$1000.00 400.00	29 26 34	\$47.46	A. B. Webber, <i>Prin.</i> Sarah A. Upham, } <i>Assts.</i> Ella A. Newhall, }
Grammar	{ 1 2 3	62.50 62.50 50.00	468.75	28 25 26	18.98	Adelaide M. Southworth Adelaide M. Southworth Maud Morton
Intermediate	{ 1 2 3	36.00 36.00 35.00	285.50	44 37 42	7.24	Charlotte E. Jones Charlotte E. Jones Nellie A. Clorey
Primary	{ 1 2 3	35.00 35.00 35.00	280.00	18 25 23	13.93	Martha Newcomb
West Primary	{ 1 2 3	32.00 32.00 33.00	258.50	32 30 31	8.74	Elizabeth L. Higgins
Jarvesville	{ 1 2 3	35.00 32.00 35.00	271.75	41 36 35	7.79	Nellie E. Welsh Grace E. Donovan Grace E. Donovan
Spring Hill	{ 1 2 3	32.00 32.00 32.00	256.00	10 18 22	17.78	Lillian E. Haines
Scorton	{ 1 2 3	32.00 32.00 32.00	256.00	12 14 17	19.10	Martha G. Blake
Farmersville	{ 1 2 3	32.00 32.00 34.00	261.00	25 28 27	10.83	Celia W. Goodspeed Celia W. Goodspeed Adeline Cashman
			\$3737.50		\$16.31	Totals

1895.

YEAR

Boys enrolled	Girls enrolled	Total enrolled	Pupils over 15 years of age	Pupils under 5 years of age	Between 8 and 14 years of age	Av. membership	Av. attendance	Per cent. attendance	Tardinesses	Tardinesses per pupil	Visitors during regular work	Visits superintendent
10	22	32	20	0	5	29.5	27.3	92.5	39	1.3	9	13
16	13	29	6	0	16	24.7	23.4	94.7	66	2.6	24	34
28	19	47	0	0	47	38.4	36.5	95.1	118	3.1	24	22
20	13	33	0	7	5	20.1	19.0	94.5	66	3.3	24	7
20	12	32	0	0	26	29.6	27.7	94.0	37	1.3	37	18
27	25	52	0	0	26	34.9	33.6	96.3	12	.3	23	19
11	9	20	0	1	14	14.4	13.7	95.1	69	4.8	23	14
7	10	17	0	0	6	13.4	12.7	94.8	43	3.2	30	16
18	13	31	3	0	0	24.2	22.1	91.3	188	7.8	49	13
157	136	293	29	8	145	229.2	216.0	94.2	638	2.8	243*	158*

Total children in town May 1, 1895, between ages of 5 and 15, 224.

*These figures are taken from the teachers' registers, but are known to be considerably below the real number in many instances.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Balance from 1894,	\$2,271.41
Town appropriation,	5,300.00
Dog tax,	201.52
Mass. School Fund,	345.08
State aid for superintendent,	562.50
Tuition,	110.00
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	\$8,790.51

EXPENDITURES :

Salaries	\$4,412.50
Books and supplies,	368.25
Janitors,	249.81
Repairs,	514.41
Fuel,	244.41
Transportation,	263.11
School Committee,	33.90
Sundries,	119.75
Balance,	2,584.37
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	\$8,790.51

ESTIMATES.

Teachers' salaries,	\$4,050.00
Superintendent,	675.00
Fuel,	255.00
Books, etc.,	300.00
Repairs,	200.00
Janitors,	255.00
Transportation,	255.00
Sundries,	117.00
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	\$6,107.00

Probable receipts from State :

School fund,	\$345.00
Superintendent fund,	562.00
Dog tax,	200.00
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	\$1,107.00

To be raised by taxation, \$5,000.00

The above estimate includes money needed to lengthen the school year two weeks, the amount to be raised by taxation remaining the same as that granted in 1895.

